

GRAUSTARK

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1973BC "Fall-Winter 1906"

TRAFFIC JAM IN ITALY

Following "Spring 1906" moves, Germany retreated F Kie-Den.

ENGLAND (Kelly): A Edi-Den; F Nth C
A Edi-Den; F Bal S A Edi-Den; F
Nwy-Swe; F St.P(n.c.) holds.

FRANCE (Model): A Pie-Tus; F Lyo S A
Pie-Tus; F Tyr S ITALIAN A Rom; F
Wes S F Tyr; A Bur-Mun; A Ruh S A
Bur-Mun; A Kie S RUSSIAN A Ber.

GERMANY (Scanlan): No move received.
F Den dislodged and annihilated.

ITALY (Paul): F Tun-Ion; A Rom S
FRENCH A Pie-Tus.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Lipton): A Pru-Ber;
A Sil S A Fru-Ber; A Mun S A Pru-
Ber; A Boh & A Tyr S A Mun; A Tus-
Rom; A Ven S A Tus-Rom; A Mos-War;
F Adr waves to its Turkish cousins.

RUSSIA (Drakert): A Ber S FRENCH A
Bur-Mun.

TURKEY (Carroll): F Nap-Rom; A Apu S
F Nap-Rom; F Ion-Nap; F Aeg-Ion; F
Gre S F Aeg-Ion; A Sev holds.

Underlined moves are not possible.
The Austro-Hungarian A Tus
is annihilated. The High Combatant
Powers now control the following
supply centers:

ENGLAND: Den, Edi, Liv, Lon, Nwy,
St.P, Swe. (7)

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Kie, Hol, Mar,
Par, Por, Spa. (8)

ITALY: Rom, Tun. (2)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Bud, Mos, Mun, Rum,
Ser, Tri, Ven, Vie, War. (9)

RUSSIA: Ber. (1)

TURKEY: Ank, Bul, Con, Gre, Nap, Sev,
Smy. (7)

All players either sent in condition-
al builds, or could be reached for
them. England builds A Edi & A Lon,
France builds A Mar, Austria-Hungary
builds A Tri, and Turkey builds A
Smy. The deadline for "Spring 1907"
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1973BS "Fall 1906"

FRENCH COUNTERATTACK HITS ITALIANS

ENGLAND (Pickard): F Iri-Mid; F Nth-
Lon.

FRANCE (Lanham): F Yor-Edi; A Bur-Mar;
A Gas S A Bur-Mar; F Wes-Lyo; F Spa
(s.c.) S F Wes-Lyo; A Bel-Bur; F
Mid-NAT.

GERMANY (G. Tesser): A Kie-Ber; A Ruh-
Kie; F Den S A Ruh-Kie.

ITALY (Murray): F Con-Aeg; A Ank-Smy;
A Mar S AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN A Mun-Bur;
F Tun-Wes; F Tyr S F Tun-Wes; F Lyo
S F Tun-Wes; F NAf-Mid.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (Lariton): F Gre-Ion;
A War-Liv; A Pru S A War-Liv; A Mos
S A War-Liv; A Sev S A Mos; A Gal-
Sil; A Mun-Kie; A Ber S A Mun-Kie;
A Tyr-Mun; A Boh S A Tyr-Mun; A Tri-
Tyr.

RUSSIA (Trtek): A Liv-Mos; A St.P S A
Liv-Mos; A Nwy S A St.P; F Bal S
GERMAN A Kie.

Underlined moves are not possible.
The Russian A Liv is annihilated, and
Italy retreats F Lyo-Tus, A Mar-Pie.
The High Combatant Powers now control
the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Liv, Lon. (2)

FRANCE: Bel, Bre, Edi, Mar, Par, Por,
Spa. (7)

GERMANY: Den, Hol, Kie. (3)

ITALY: Ank, Con, Nap, Rom, Smy, Tun,
Ven. (7)

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY: Ber, Bud, Bul, Gre,
Mos, Mun, Rum, Ser, Sev, Tri, Vie,
War. (12)

RUSSIA: Nwy, St.P, Swe. (3)

The only build is one for Austria-Hun-
gary. This move should be sent in by
IMMEDIATE RETURN MAIL, and the Games-
master will inform the other players.
The deadline for "Spring 1907" moves
is NOON, SATURDAY 13 APRIL 1974.

It should be noted that the Ger-
man and Austro-Hungarian attacks into
Kiel stood each other off; see Example
5 in Section IX of the 1971 rules.

"Winter 1908-Spring 1909"

BRITISH AND FRENCH SCORE ONE EACH AT SEA

Following "Fall 1908" moves Russia retreated A Rum-Gal and removed F Ska, while Italy built F Nap. All players were informed.

ENGLAND (Eisen): F Iri-Mid; F Bre S F Iri-Mid; F Nth-Eng; A Edi holds.

FRANCE (Strauss): F Mid-Eng; F Nrg-Nth; F Hel & F Hol S F Nrg-Nth; A Bel-Ruh; A Sil-Bor; A Mun S A Sil-Ber.

GERMANY (Sidor): F Den S RUSSIAN A Kie.

ITALY (Heuer): A Ven holds; A Rom S A Ven; F Nap-Ion; F Tun S F Nap-Ion.

RUSSIA (Honig): F Bar-Nrg; F Nwy-Nth; F Bal & A Ber S A Kie; A Kie S A Ber; A Vie-Tri; F Sev-Rum; A Gal & A Bud S F Sev-Rum; A Mos-Sev.

TURKEY (Paulson): F Ion & A Tri holds; F Aeg S F Ion; F Adr S A Tri; E Con-Bla; F Rum S F Con-Bla; A Bul & A Ser S F Rum.

Underlined moves are not possible. The English F Nth must retreat to Ska, Yor, Lon, or Bel, while the French F Mid must retreat to Nat, Gas, Por, Wes, Naf, or either coast of Spain. These retreats should be phoned in at once to the Gamesmaster, who will inform all players. The deadline for "Fall 1909" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 13 APRIL 1974.

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moves is NOON, SATURDAY 13 APRIL 1974.

HOTEL DES WOGS, SMYRNA: At a meeting of the Grand Masters of the International Clearinghouse for Syncretistic Religions, it was announced that the Allard W. Kornfeld Award for blind faithful repetition of moves for three or more seasons in a row was awarded to the Turks in 1973BC. Accepting the award was Raoul Raskolnikov.

(Another press release appears on p. 9.)

1973BQ - PRESS RELEASE

EDINBURGH: The Prime Minister announced today that the remnants of the British fleet would be scrapped this season. Assurances were given that this would in no way diminish Great Britain as a world power. The scrap iron is presently planned to increase the output of Frog gigs, to help combat the horde of Frogs now besieging parts of England.

THE MINISTRY OF MISCELLANY

Reports are from the west coast that Conrad von Metzke and his wife are now reconciled. This is good news, you might say, but what does it have to do with postal Diplomacy? Well, it means that custody of the notorious "Boardman Numbers" is now returning to New York. They will now be assigned by Raymond E. Houer, 102-42 Jamaica Ave.; Richmond Hill, N. Y. 11418. When Nick Ulanov leaves for college, Ray and Gil Neiger will take over publication of his Pouch.

Pouch, incidentally, is celebrating its first anniversary today with the publication of a 70-page issue. This zine is probably the largest postal Diplomacy bulletin ever produced. If you're interested in a copy, the subscription rate is 10 for \$2. The special issue is \$1.50, with 50¢ off for subscribers or IDA members. His address is 60 E. 8th St., New York, N. Y. 10003.

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Bob Lipton, P. O. Box 360, Lafayette College, Easton, Penn. 18042 has organized the Marxist Party, promoting the presidential candidacy of a man who has never said anything offensive about anyone, who meets ethnic qualifications by having one brother who is Italian and one who is Jewish, and who is safely dead so he can be honored without offending anyone. Drop him a line for further information.

73.20b

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BRITISH CONDUCT SPY HUNT

BRITAIN: Britain (11) attacks Germany (5) at 2:1. IBM - 262 (X). Each side removes 5.

POLAND: Russia (15) attacks Britain (6) at 2:1. IBM - 262 (X). Each side removes 6.

BRITAIN: Rus U; loses Pol U. Britain still refuses to share control in the Rhineland. The score is now Britain 10, France 8, Russia 8, Germany 6, USA 0. The deadline for "Spring 1939" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 13 APRIL 1974. Press releases begin on p. 8.

	USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Ger
Als			C		
Aus					C
Bal					C
Bri			6		
Cze				U,7	15
Fra		4			
Ger				C	
Ita					
Pol			U,13	9	
Rhi	9		8		20
Rum				C	C
Rus				U,8	
USA	15				9

73.21h

EUROPE REMAINS SOMNOLENT

For the third consecutive game year, there are no attacks.

FRANCE: Cze U; Ger U.

GERMANY: Bri U.

The score is now USA 17, France 15, Britain 5, Germany 5, Russia 3. The deadline for "Spring 1939" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 13 APRIL 1974. Dick Trtek writes that until 31 March his address will be 215 S. E. 24th Ave., Hillsboro, Oregon 97123. A British press release begins on p. 7.

	USA	Fra	Bri	Rus	Ger
Als		C			
Aus					C
Bal			7	5	5
Bri			10		U,8
Cze	4	U,5	U,15		
Fra					
Ger		U,5			36
Ita					
Pol	16	U,6			
Rhi		U,6			12
Rum					C
Rus				U,12	21
USA					

1973BQ

AUSTRIANS ENTER MUNICH

"Spring 1906"

ENGLAND (Pickard): A Yor-Lon.

FRANCE (Kollmer): F Lon-Nth; F Liv-Cly; F Lyo S ITALIAN F Tyr; F Wes-Tun; A Bre-Pic.

GERMANY (Burce): F Swe-Nwy; F Nth S F Swe-Nwy; F Den-Ska; A Par-Bre; A Bur-Mar; A Mun-Sil; A Ber S A Mun-Sil; A Kie S A Ber.

ITALY (Sidor): F Tyr-Tun.

AUSTRIA-HUNGARY (McCuisition): A Bud-Gal; A Sil-Mun; A Boh & A Tyr S A Sil-Mun; A Pru-Ber; A Ven holds; A Mar-Bur; F Apu-Nap; F Gre-Ion; A Arm-Sev; A Fin-Swe; A Nwy S A Fin-Swe.

TURKEY (De Prisco): F Nap-Tyr; F Rom S F Nap-Tyr; F Con-Aeg; F Smy-Eas; F Ank-Con; A Gal-Sil; F Ion-Tun.

Underlined moves are not possible. Germany retreats A Mun-Ruh and Italy retreats F Tyr-Tus. The dislodged German F Swe must retreat to Bot, Bal, or Den. THE DIRECTION OF THIS RETREAT SHOULD BE SENT IN BY IMMEDIATE RETURN AIR MAIL, and the Gamesmaster will inform the other players of its direction. The deadline for "Fall 1906" moves is NOON, SATURDAY 13 APRIL 1974.

Players should note that the French move "F Lyo S ITALIAN F Tyr" failed because the Italian F Tyr was not ordered to hold. See Example 6 in Section IX of the 1971 rules.

"Fall 1938"

COI SCRIBETE IN LEGIONE ET VIDETE MUNDUM

Phase	I. <u>Dority</u>	II. <u>Fong</u>	III. <u>Hulland</u>	IV. <u>Lehtonen</u>
Af:	Grl2B GaA*; Gr 15B GrB*(Iy); Gr 3D: 5B HsC*; Gr 20B ItA*; Pc2BP PaA* (Gc); Ps7B SyC; Sc3B AfB; Sc3B DaA*; Sc5BP DaA* (Th); Sc3B ThB (As)	Grl2B GaA*; Gr 15B GrB*(Iy); Gr 5B HsC*; Gr 20B ItA*; Pc2BP PaA* (Gc); Sc4B AfC*; Sc3B DaA*; Sc3B ThB(As)	Grl2B GaA*; Gr 15B GrB*(Iy); Gr 5B HsC*; Gr 20B ItA*; Pc2BP PaA* (Gc); Ps6B AsB*; Sc4B AfC*; Sc3B DaA*; Sc5BP DaA* (Th); Sc3B ThB (As)	3RL ItA; Grl2B GaA*; Grl5B GrB* (Iy); Gr 5B HsC*; Gr20B ItB*; Pc2BP (Gc); PsA*; Sc4B AfC*; Sc3B DaA*; Sc5BP DaA* (Th); Sc3B ThB(As); Si4N SiA
3F:	No moves rec'd. 3L IyA, 3L SyC, 4M SyC, 2L Th, & 10M ThB hold.	1L TaA-AsC-AsA-GcA; 3L ThB-AsC-GcA; 1L AsA-SyC-SyB-AgA; 2L IyA-IyB; 1L TaA	No moves rec'd. 1L AgB; 1L CyA, 1L IyA, 4L ThB, 1L ThA, & 10M ThB hold.	4L SiA, 1L AgB, & 10M ThB hold.
3F:	None.	ThB: 10M vs. Sc 3B 3:1. (4), $\frac{1}{2}$ Ex. -2M, Sc3B.	None.	ThB: 10M vs. Sc3B 3:1. (4), $\frac{1}{2}$ Ex. -2M, Sc3B. SiA: 4L vs. Si4N 1:1. (4).
3G:	None.	None.	None.	None.
3H:	Ag, As, Cy, Gc, Iy, Sy($\frac{1}{2}$), Th($\frac{1}{2}$). Ps:Ar, Ms, Ps.	Ag, As, Cy, Gc, Iy, Sy, Ta, Th. Ps:Ar, Ms, Ps.	Ag, Cy, Gc, Iy, Th($\frac{1}{2}$). Ps:Ar, As, Ms, Ps, Sy.	Ag, As, Cy, Gc, Iy, Sy, Th. Ps:Ar, Ms, Ps.
3J:	-2ScB ThB, -2ScB AfB.	None.	-Sc2B ThB.	None.
3K:	61+40-16=85 Ps:36+27-14=49	63+47-16=94 Ps:40+27=67	41+24-16=49 Ps:68+47-12=103	52+46-10-15=73 Ps:40+27=67
3L:	None. (4-3L, 5-1L, 6-5B)	None. (4-4L, 7-12B)	None. (4-4L, 6-6B)	None. (4-4L, 7-12B)
3M:	None.	None.	None.	Grl5B GrB
4A:	None.	None.	None.	None.
4B:	Grl5B GrB-IyB- IyA; Sc5BP DaA- ThB; Pc2BP PaA- BrB. 6N raised in BrB, -BrB: 6N vs. Pc2BP 3:1 (3), $\frac{1}{2}$ De. -PclBP	Grl5B GrB-IyB; Sc5BP DaA- ThB; Pc2BP PaA- BrB. 10M raised in ThB & 6N in BrB. BrB: 6N vs. Pc2BP 3:1. (3), $\frac{1}{2}$ De. -PclBP. 4M raised in IyB.	Grl5B GrB-IyB- IyA; Sc5BP DaA- ThB; Pc2BP PaA- BrB. 10M raised in ThB & 6N in BrB. BrB: 6N vs. Pc2BP 3:1. (3), $\frac{1}{2}$ De. -PclBP.	Sc5BP DaA- ThB; Pc2BP PaA- BrB. 10M raised in ThB & 6N in BrB. BrB: 6N vs. Pc2BP 3:1. (3), $\frac{1}{2}$ De. -PclBP.
4C:	IyA: Grl5B vs. 3L 5:1. (1), De. -3L. SyC: Ps7B vs. 3L & 4M 1:1 (5).	IyB: Grl5B vs. 2L & 4M 2:1. (1), $\frac{1}{2}$ De. -2M.	IyA: Grl5B vs. 1L 6:1. (1), De. -1L.	SiA: Si4N vs. 4L, 1:1. (3), Ex. -4L, Si4N.
4D:	(3,3) No Barbarians raised in any game because Scyths control Dacia.			

In Games I & III, the Germans now control Illyria, and the destination of the 9 "excess" Germans is Greece. In Game II the Legion ordered from Taurica to Greece didn't have enough movement allowance to get further than AsA. An arithmetic error in Turn 2K of that game has been here corrected.

JOIN THE LEGION AND SEE THE WORLD

	V. Phase	VI. <u>Paulson</u>	VII. <u>Scensny</u>	VIII. <u>Scher</u>	VIII. <u>Ver Ploeg</u>
Af-	Gr12B GaA*; Gr ter 15B GrB*(Iy); Gr	Gr12B GaA*; Gr 15B GrB*(Iy); Gr	Gr12B GaA*; Gr 15B GrB*(Iy); Gr	Gr12B GaA*; Gr 15B GrB*(Iy); Gr	Gr12B GaA*; Gr 15B GrB*(Iy); Gr
3D:	5B HsC*; Gr20B ItA*; Po2BP PoA* (Gc); Ps12B SyB; Sc1B AfB; Sc2N AfA; Sc3B DaA*; Sc5BP DaA*(Th); Sc3B ThB(As)	5B HsC*; Gr20B ItA*; Po2BP PoA* (Gc); Ps9B SyC; Sc1B Af*; Sc2N AfA; Sc3B DaA*; Sc5BP DaA*(Th); Sc3B ThB(As)	5B HsC*; Gr20B ItA*; Po2BP PoA* (Gc); Ps12B SyC; Sc1B AfC; Sc2N AfA; Sc3B DaA*; Sc5BP DaA*(Th); Sc3B AsA	5B HsC*; Gr20B ItA*; Po2BP PoA* (Gc); Ps12B SyC; Sc4B AfC*; Sc3B DaA*; Sc5BP DaA* (Th); Sc3B ThB(As)	5B HsC*; Gr20B ItA*; Po2BP PoA* (Gc); Ps12B SyC; Sc4B AfC*; Sc3B DaA*; Sc5BP DaA* (Th); Sc3B ThB(As)
3E:	3L AfA, 1L AsA, 3L IyA, 3L & 10M SyB, & 1L & 9M ThB hold.	1L IyA-ItA; 3L IyC-ItB; 1L AsA- GcB-ItA; 2L AfB- AfC-ItA; 1L AsA, 1L AfB, 9M ThB & 10M SyC hold; 1M	1L AsB-AsC-ThB- ThA; 1L AgB-AgA- SyB-SyC; 1L SyC- AsA; 3L AfA, 2L 2L IyA, 3L SyC, 10M SyC, 10M SyC & ThA-ThB. 1N ItA.	1L IyB-IyA-GcB-GcA; 1L IyC-IyA; 1L ThB- AsA; 3L AgB, 1L AsA, 2L AfB; 1L IyC, 2L 2L IyA, 3L SyC, 10M SyC & 10M ThB hold.	1L IyB-IyA-GcB-GcA; 1L IyC-IyA; 1L ThB- AsA; 3L AgB, 1L AsA, 2L AfB; 1L IyC, 2L 2L IyA, 3L SyC, 10M SyC & 10M ThB hold.
3F:	AfA: 3L vs. Sc2N 1:1. (5)-.	ThB: 10M vs. Sc 3B 3:1. (4), $\frac{1}{2}$ Ex. -2M, Sc3B. SyC: 10M vs. Ps9B 1:1 (4)-.	AfA: 3L vs. Sc2N 3B 3:1. (4), $\frac{1}{2}$ Ex. -2M, Sc3B. SyC: 10M vs. Ps9B 1:1 (4)-.	Sc2N SyC: 3L & 10M vs. Ps12B 1:1. (4)-.	Sc2N SyC: 3L & 10M vs. Ps12B 1:1. (4)-.
3G:	None.	None.	None.	None.	None.
3H:	Ag, As, Cy, Gc, Iy, Sy($\frac{1}{2}$), Th($\frac{1}{2}$).	Ag, As, Cy, Gc, Iy, Sy($\frac{1}{2}$), Th.	Ag, As($\frac{1}{2}$), Cy, Gc, Iy, Sy($\frac{1}{2}$), Th.	Ag, As, Cy, Gc, Iy, Sy($\frac{1}{2}$), Th($\frac{1}{2}$).	Ag, As, Cy, Gc, Iy, Sy($\frac{1}{2}$), Th($\frac{1}{2}$).
3J:	-Sc2B ThB, -Sc1B AfB.	-Gr10B ItA, -Sc1B AfB.	-Sc1B AfC, -Sc2B AsA.	-Sc2B ThB.	-Sc2B ThB.
3K:	49+40-25-1=63 Ps: 16+27-24=19	59+42-18-12=71 Ps: 12+27-18=21	44+36-22=58 Ps: 16+27-24=19	49+40-24=65 Ps: 16+27-24=19	49+40-24=65 Ps: 16+27-24=19
3L:	1L SyC.	None. (4-3L, 7-3B)	None. (4-1L)	None.	None.
3M:	Sc1B ThB.	Gr10B ItA, Po2BP PoA.	None.	None.	None.
4A:	None.	None.	None.	None.	None.
4B:	Gr15B GrB-IyB; Sc5BP DaA-ThB; Po2BP PoA-BrB. 2M raised in Iy A, 1M in IyB, 1 M in IyC, & 6N in BrB. BrB: 6N vs. Po2BP 3:1. (3), $\frac{1}{2}$ De. -PclBP.	Gr15B GrB-IyB; Sc5BP DaA-ThB; 10M raised in ThB, 2M in IyA, 1M in IyB, & 1M in IyC.	Gr15B GrB-IyB; Sc5BP DaA-ThB; Po2BP PoA-BrB. 4M raised in Iy B, 10M in ThB, & 6N in BrB. BrB: 6N vs. Po2BP 3:1 (3), $\frac{1}{2}$ De. -PclBP.	Gr15B GrB-IyB; Sc5BP DaA-ThB; Po2BP PoA-BrB. 2M raised in IyA, 1M in IyB, 1M in IyC & 6N in BrB. BrB: 6N vs. Po2BP 3:1 (3), $\frac{1}{2}$ De. -PclBP.	Gr15B GrB-IyB; Sc5BP DaA-ThB; Po2BP PoA-BrB. 2M raised in IyA, 1M in IyB, 1M in IyC & 6N in BrB. BrB: 6N vs. Po2BP 3:1 (3), $\frac{1}{2}$ De. -PclBP.
4C:	IyB: Gr15B vs. 1M 6:1. (1), De. -1M.	IyB: Gr15B vs. 1M 6:1. (1), De. -1M.	IyB: Gr15B vs. 4M 3:1. (1), De. -4M.	IyB: Gr15B vs. 1M 6:1. (1), De. -1M.	IyB: Gr15B vs. 1M 6:1. (1), De. -1M.
4D:	(3,3) No Barbarians raised in any game because Scyths control Dacia.				

The Persian data in turns 2H & 3H were inadvertently omitted for Games V-VIII; they are the same as for Game I. The deadline for 533 AD orders is NOON, SATURDAY 6 APRIL 1974. See p. 6 for further announcements.

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"Spring-Fall 1913"

BLUE SAILS IN THE SUNLIGHT

ENGLAND (Lipson): F Nrg-Nwy; F Nth S F Nrg-Nwy; F Hel-Kie; F Gas-Mid; F Eng-S F Gas-Mid; F Spa(s.c.)-Por; F Mar-Spa(s.c.); A Lon-Yor; A Bur-Gas; A Bel-Bur.

GERMANY (Schleicher): F Kie-Hol; A Mun-Ruh; A Tyr S RUSSIAN A Vie-Tri; A Sil-Ber.

ITALY (Burley): A Pie-Mar; A Ven-Tyr; A Bud-Vie; A Tri S A Bud-Vie; A Rum-Gal; F Wes-Spa(s.c.); F Mid-NAT.

RUSSIA (A. Phillips): A Sev S TURKISH A Bul-Rum; A Mos & A Ukr S A Sev; A Vie-Bud; A Gal-Bud; A War-Gal; F Nwy-Nrg.

TURKEY (Nierenberg): A Ser-Rum; A Bul-Rum; F Bla S A Bul-Rum; A Arm-Sev; F Ion-Tun; F Lyo S ITALIAN F Wes-Spa(s.c.).

Underlined moves are not possible. Russia retreats F Nwy-Swe, A Vie-Boh.

The house rules in 1971BG of Gamesmaster John Beshara are not the same as those of GRAUSTARK. According to the 1971 Rulebook and GRAUSTARK houserules, the Russian move A Gal-Bud and the Turkish move A Bul-Rum would succeed.

ENGLAND: F Mar-Spa(s.c.); F Mid, F Por, & A Gas S F Mar-Spa(s.c.); F Eng S F Mid; F Nth-Hol; F Kie-Hol; F Nwy-Nrg; A Bur-Mar; A Yor-Liv.

GERMANY: F Hol-Hol; A Ruh-Hol; A Ber-Kie; A Tyr-Tri.

ITALY: A Vie-Tyr; A Pie, A Ven, & A Tri S A Vie-Tyr; A Rum-Gal; F Spa(s.c.)-Wes; F NAT-Nrg.

RUSSIA: A Gal-Vie; A Boh S A Gal-Vie; A War-Gal; A Sev S TURKISH A Bul-Rum; A Ukr & A Mos S A Sev; F Swe-Den.

TURKEY: F Lyo S ITALIAN F Spa(s.c.)-Wes; F Tun-NAf; A Ser-Bud; A Bul-Rum; A Arm-Sev; F Bla S A Arm-Sev.

Germany retreats A Tyr-Mun. The High Combatant Powers now control the following supply centers:

ENGLAND: Bel., Bre, Edi, Hol, Kie, Liv, RUSSIA: Den, Mos, St.P, Sev, Swe, Lon, Mar, Nwy, Par, Por, Spa. (12) Vie, War. (7)

GERMANY: Ber, Mun. (2) TURKEY: Ank, Bud, Bul, Con, Gre,

ITALY: Nap, Rom, Rum, Tri, Tun, Ven. (6) Ser, Smy. (7)

England may build 2 new units while Germany must remove 2. Turkey may build 1 new unit while Italy must remove 1. These adjustments must be submitted within 24 hours. Deadline for "Spring 1914" moves is 6 PM, TUESDAY 30 APRIL 1974. If all "Spring 1914" moves, which may be made conditional upon the "Winter 1913" adjustments, are submitted by April 9th, they will be published forthwith and will not thereafter be revocable.

FALL OF ROME - PRESS RELEASES

III - THRACIA (Ancient Roman Press): The remnants of the old senate have met at the new Eastern capital of Constantinople, to discuss the Empire's war plans for the future. Empress Iohannus Hulindis was optimistic about the Roman capabilities in war and has named his brother, Yohannus, as senator of war plans.

III - ATHENA (ARP): Zkropyros the Inventor has found a method by which we may communicate with alternate worlds in the same timeline. There appear to be only seven others, but they will take enough time for investigation anyway. In one, there is this strange Platypussy, that completely demoralizes the barbarians! And you thought I was strange...

73.21h - PRESS RELEASES

CHICAGO: Author's note--The following release and its descendants belong with those for 73.3a; hence, we enter in the middle of things. "What's in a number?" as the CEA say,

MUNICH: After a daring landing of the Ford trimotor in one of the city's busiest streets, Pinky managed to find a parking space--next to a fire hydrant. As Firefly and Chicolini unloaded the baggage on the sidewalk, a policeman arrived and after taking in the spectacle promptly wrote out a ticket, handing it to Pinky, who ate it. Surprised and angered, the policeman made out another, only to see it also vanish inside the mute lips. His rage intensifying, the official began handing ticket after ticket to Pinky, who swallowed them just as fast. Finally running out of forms, the policeman became exasperated. When he found Pinky's leg dangling in his hand, he left crying.

Meanwhile, Chicolini and Firefly had taken the baggage into the lobby of a nearby hotel. "We wanna room," said Chicolini to the attractive young female at the desk.

"Do you have reservations?" she replied.

"Not if you don't, my dear," responded Firefly, who proceeded to sprawl lazily on the desktop, his face the epitome of shyness. "But how about an appointment instead?"

"Eh, boss, asker if she'sa got any t'ree bedroom appointments," Chicolini added.

"I'm sorry," said the irritated girl. "We have no vacant rooms."

"Why you no got rooms?" asked Chicolini. "Lemme see the book," he said, turning the registry around to survey it. "Eh, how 'bout Room 5050?"

"You can't," replied the clerk. "That room is booked to Alvin Geller, the famous counter-tenor."

"Eh, thatsa nothing," said Chicolini. "I count to a hundred. Thatsa some joke, eh, boss?"

"It sounds familiar, if you ask me," Firefly oozed.

"So what? Haf o' 'em never hold it before and th' rest don't remember."

"True," reflected Firefly. "One doesn't lose by underestimating the intelligence of the public, eh, snooks?" he said to the girl, who slapped him in the face and marched off.

"Why do I always meet the exception that proves the rule," the Freedonian president said.

Fresh from his encounter with the policeman, Pinky had entered the lobby, leaving a trail of birdseed which was quickly gobbled by local pigeons. By the time of the face-slap, the lobby was filled with birds.

"What is going on here!" shouted the hotel manager, who had been brought to the desk by the nervous clerk. Unnoticed by him, Pinky cut off his tie with a pair of scissors and put it in his coat pocket. "What are you doing on this desktop?" the large man demanded of Firefly.

"The weather here is so cloudy I can't get a suntan," the Freedonian shot back, "so I thought I'd get a walnut stain instead. And while we're on the subject, how dare you enter this lobby with a stained tie. Come to think of it, how come you're here with only the stain and no tie. If you don't have a tie, you'll have to leave."

In another second, Pinky's shears had snipped the man's suspenders, releasing his trousers.

"Oh, a flasher, eh? Exposing yourself before this innocent child," Firefly intoned solemnly, curling his arm about the clerk's upper body. "Your neck will hang for this, even if the rest of you doesn't."

"Jumping butterballs!" exclaimed the manager.

While the manager stood in a momentary state of shock and the trembling clerk fainted, Pinky scooped all the extra roomkeys out of their pigeonholes and into his coat pockets. Suddenly the manager composed

himself. "Out! Get out of this hotel!" he commanded.

"A fine way to treat a head of state attending the Conference," said Firefly with mock indignation.

"Conference?" muttered the executive, "What conference?"

"Why, the Big Ten, of course," shouted Firefly as Pinky yanked a large pennant from his coat and handed it to the manager. Chicolini then hiked a suitcase to Firefly, who passed it to Pinky, who had run down-field. Then, weaving back and forth as they exchanged the luggage among themselves, the three ran across the vast lobby amid a storm of pigeon feathers and into an elevator, whose doors closed suddenly on the manager, who had tried to chase them.

73.20b - PRESS RELEASES

GRANDSON OF GIL (EEE, Africa): "What did the blacks do when the white entered the room?" Grandson of Gil asked the freshman French class. "Why they rose to the Caucasian." Grandson of Gil had a fine sense of humor, too bad he never told jokes. Grandson of Gil was born in 1934, just in time for the Great Diplomatic War (hereafter referred to as the Great Diplomatic War) in which he played a major part. (As a matter of fact, he really knocked 'em out doing Hamlet (and I do mean doing)). Just like his father Gilles, and his grandfather, Gil, Grandson of Gil was a general in the French army. And when ~~Marie/Teresa~~ (oops) King Alexander took the throne ~~alone/with him~~, he was knighted, but in the daytime. Grandson of Gil then decided to fight some more Crusades but finding no more Crusades around to fight, he chartered a bus to Israel, to see the sights. He got married to a nice Jewish girl with a big nose (I wanted to say it was large, but Jimmy Durante used her for an ego boost, and her middle name was Schnozzina.) They had 46 stillborns, and also one that survived (Everybody: "Aaaaawwww."). And he gave birth to: Great-great-great.....great-grandson of Gil.

(TM PAT. FOR EEE, AFRICA): In the year 2173, where some guy named Miles Monroe made off with a chick named Luna. The Security Police have just busted the biggest drug ring in history, selling 43,000 tons an hour of Heroin. A new comedy team called the Karl Brothers just made a movie called Turtle Soup. The question everyone asks is, "Why a turtle?" But meanwhile, back on the raunch, (in other words, the French plains) our hero G.G.G....G.G.S. of G., has just annexed Versailles. The Germans have issued an ultimatum to him to leave Versailles before they get their with their army. He plans to accept. And sew (which is a command, if you really think about it), as the sun slowly sinks into the West (I think I've seen that before), we bid this press release: "Good By", and good riddance.

DAMBJOKER, FRANCE (EEE, AFRICA): Hey, did you hear about the Italian submarine corps? No. What happened? They painted the numbers on the outside of their submarine with water colors.

OLD RACKATZOFF, SOMEWHERE (Farmasootikal Association of Rural Mongolia): With the re-birth of Old Rackatzoff, France (actually, King Alexander still has the lease on the place and just wants to store his supply of Tategy and Stractics magazine there. Incidentally, the address is 23 E. 34th St., for all interested in buying.

CHATEAU KATZOFF (FARM): This is Pierre La Frauk, somewhere behind ze lines, where not more than ten mineets ago, a red Triplane, smokeeng badly and defeeneetly in trouble, did a tailspin and landed in NO-Mans-Land. Heh, heh, musta bean a femme. Ha,ha,ha. Oh, well. Eeneetial reports eendeeecate that the Triplane belonged to none other than Manfred von Richtofen, the Red Baron himself. The Boche High Command denies the Red Baron is dead, but admits that his plane was shot down....(Music) (The preceding is from a recording by Alex Katzoff and the Royal Guardsman.)

HOAXSTER (GUUFFAW): What's the difference between oranges and yo-yos? I dunnnno. What is the difference between oranges and yo-yos? You'd be a fine one to send after a dozen oranges. (You Yo-Yo.)

FRANCE (EEE, Africa): What do the Frog construction worker say to the Wop construction worker? Rivet. Rivet.

NEW RACKATZOFF, FRANCE (EEE, Africa)...and as the Franks mustard their forces they drove the Moors out of the Tour business in 721. And then, in Spring 1940, against impossible odds, the French again, encouraged by Joan of Arc's making an ash of herself, conquered the Atoms from the US and Russia (tomorrow's super-powers) and gained 3rd place. A far cry from Carrolls debacle (73.2b)

OLD RACKATZOFF, SOMEWHERE (Most likely Never-Never Land): And no - (Oh, yes. EEE, Africa): And now, the one-episode continuing story of "Light of Night". In our last episode, Shirley had undergone a below-the-neck body amputation in an attempt to rid herself of cancer, gout, and pimples. Ralph has been eating beans for lunch, and is now on a Trans-Atlantic Airplane flight. Will the passengers survive? Will Shirley survive? (Fat chance.) And what about Na- no, I can't do it. I just can't. Aarrrrrgggghhhhh! Unquote. At Great Intervals R This

LABOR GIVES SWEETHEART CONTRACT TO PREGNANT WOMEN; NO BREACHES REPORTED; THIS CONTRACT CAN DELIVER, SAYS BABY-FACE INFANTINO, AND IT'S THE BIRTH OF A NEW DAY.

And now, from Green Sector Z, somewhere behind the lines, comes this special report.

This is Green Sector Z, and if you were eating this food, you'd know why it's Green. But anyway, the above headline (Labor, indeed), on the morning of 12 October 1949, did not, I repeat, not appear in any newspaper. Thank you. And now back to Elmo the Geek. (That's Geek, John, not Greek. Geek.)

FRANCE (Board of Living, Insolent, Snarling, Snafus (BLISS)): This press release is mainly to announce the opening of a new press release agency and the closing of an old one. Tripoli, Africa is closing, to be replaced by GIL (Giblet-Insulting Land-lubbers) (After he reads this, I never write another press release, except maybe.)

1973BCI PRESS RELEASE

WOGASTISBURGER-NEUSTADT (URRP): The Bureau of Usually Reliable Sources, International Travelers, and Intelligence Spokesmen today filed suit in the Grand Ducal Court of Chancery and Casuistry against the United Rabble Rousing Press. The BURSITIS attorney, Schämus Scheister, said that URRP had misquoted the proper name of the agency deliberately "in a GRAUSTARK press release in which BURSITIS complained about being called out of its name by the American Synthesist Society." Named as codefendants were GRAUSTARK, ASS, GRAUSTARK publisher John A. Boardman, and an obscure firm called Kinney, Lipschwitz & Boringman. Synthesists, which is believed to be a Vesco-front incorporated in St. Brendan's Island, a West Indian colonial possession of the Grand Duchy of Wogastisburg-Schläppenbüttel. "Misrepresentation of the facts is a tradition with URRP," Scheister told the press. "Furthermore, they frammis etaoin shrdlu whevener they are criziticed, and deliberately grommix fleevel any avderse commentis quivishly brommeled under klptzyxm conditions."

Additional complications were introduced by an attorney for URRP, who denied that any such person as "John A. Boardman" exists. However, Kinney, Lipschwitz & Boringman insist that this person publishes GRAUSTARK. The entire case was placed before Judge Wohlbestecht, who appointed a Master in Chancery to determine these and other disputed facts. The Master was given the Judge's 12-year-old grandnephew, Willi Polkrotz, "who, it is to be hoped," said His Honor, "will live long enough to see this case through to its end."

MINIMAL SOUTHERN STALEMATE POSITIONS - II

by Eric Verheiden

((This article is an addendum to the one published in GRAUSTARK #306.))

In addition to the positions previously mentioned, there are a few others which may be of interest:

5. A Bul, A Bud, A Boh, A Pie, F Bla, F Wes hold; F Arm S F Bla; A Ser S A Bud; A Vie & A Tyr S A Boh; A Tus S A Pie; F Tyr & F NAF S F Wes. Centers: Austria, Italy, Turkey, Bul, Ser, Gre, Tun. (13)

This might be called a 'basic' position for holding the south without either Sevastopol or Rumania. As before certain adjustments are possible. If Bohemia falls, the following position is still viable:

6. A Bul, A Bud, A Vie, A Tyr, F Lyo, F Wes, & F Bla hold; F Arm S F Bla; A Ser S A Bud; A Tri S A Vie; A Ven S A Tyr; F Pie S F Lyo; F NAF S F Wes. Centers: Austria, Italy, Turkey, Bul, Ser, Gre, Tun. (13)

From here, retake Bohemia, and the loss of the Black Sea can be withstood.

7. A Arm, A Bul, A Bud, A Boh, F Lyo, & F Wes hold; A Ank S A Arm; A Con S A Bul; A Ser S A Bud; A Vie & A Tyr S A Boh; F Pie S F Lyo; F NAF S F Wes. Centers: Austria, Italy, Turkey, Bul, Ser, Gre, Tun. (13)

Certain rather obvious extensions to 14 or 15 centers are possible; however, these will not be dealt with in further detail here.

THE DIPLOMATIC POUCH

HARRY MANOOG, 45 Burroughs St., Boston, Mass. 02130 (note new address): Your change of editorial policy is to be commended. It reminds me of what happened on the subway here in Boston today. We had a power failure. I noticed the symptoms and got off at a station to have a pleasant walk in the 50° sunshine. Those who were unobservant spent an unpleasant 45 minutes in the crowd and dark. The lights are going out, John - and you and I are astute enough to notice it.

[Harry seems to be the first person who understands what I am doing in my support of President Nixon. I consider that I am acting in the finest conservative tradition. For centuries, conservative moral philosophers have insisted that most people are kept from wrong-doing and its attendant troubles by a good understanding of the adverse consequences, in this world or the next depending on the views of the particular philosopher. This is far more effective than the Utopian hopes of liberal philosophers that people will do right because it is morally urged upon them. I am reminded of the enthusiastic young thing who allegedly declared, at a cocktail party, "I accept the universe!" An old curmudgeon, hearing her, said, "Gad, she'd better!"]

AL NOFI: In GRAUSTARK #305, Phil DeVicci said that while acting as Gamesmaster for an Origins game I had permitted only 5 minutes of negotiation for the first turn, but allowed 15 for the succeeding turns, and that this was the reason for a French 'Control' in Germany. While it is true that five minutes were allotted for negotiations on the first turn and 15, on each succeeding turn I should point out that this was by agreement of the players. We had originally agreed upon 5 minutes but found this too short for everyone's needs. So at the end of turn 1 we agreed to limit negotiations to 15 minutes. I believe there were no objections to the original limit until after the close of the negotiations had been called. Further, there were some players who subsequently objected to the 15 minute limit as being too short anyway. Basically it seems a matter of how much time you need. Let's face it though, there are some people who find two or three weeks too short. [Particularly in postal play!]

ON ADDING SOME REALISM TO TACTICAL LEVEL (PRE-GUNPOWDER) GAMES

by Albert A. Nofi

[This is the latest draft of an idea which Al Nofi has been working out for some time. I am particularly interested in it because I think a good minor tactics game for this period could be worked out, bearing the same relationship to pre-gunpowder warfare that Sniper does to 20th-century warfare. Some interesting ideas along these lines are presented by Gygax and Perrin in Chainmail.]

Whilst designing Renaissance of Infantry and Centurion I developed a few rules which greatly add to the realism of the two games, and indeed of all the tac-level games from Armageddon through Musket and Pike. For various reasons these were left out of the published games so here they are forthwith.

Rape Rule. This applies to all units, but in differing ways.

General Rule: Any unit passing through a town or village will be required to lose movement turns in order to halt and rape and pillage. The exact amount of turns to be lost depends upon the type of troops.

1. Professional Pikemen, Spanish Swordsmen, Vikings, and Roman Legionaries: Upon halting they must remain in the town for one complete game-turn. (Note: Greek Professional Pikemen are not affected by these rules as they carried their 'entertainment' with them in the ranks.) (Incidentally, Professional Pikemen are the ones with balks.)

2. All other Troops except Militia: Must lose two full game-turns due to lower efficiency at their task. (Applies to Greek non-Professional Pike units too.)

3. Militia: Must lose three complete game-turns due to lowest efficiency of all. (Applies to Greek Militia units as well.)

Heroic Hero Rule. This applies to Command Units only.

General Rule: One or more of the Command Units on a particular side or on both sides may be designated an 'Heroic Command Unit'. This immediately doubles the Combat Strength of the unit and of any unit stacked with it. Also, these units may not be killed. An 'Eliminated' result on an 'Heroic Command Unit' means the chap has slipped on a pool of blood and been taken prisoner. He then moves as his captors wish but must always be guarded. He may be released by other friendly troops who eliminate or disrupt his guards or by rolling a 1-5. He rolls his 'Escape Option' at the start of his own Player-Turn. If he rolls a 1-5 he is free of enemy control, plus he has disrupted his guards. IT IS ABSOLUTELY PROHIBITED FOR AN 'HEROIC COMMAND UNIT'S' CAPTORS TO DO THE INTELLIGENT THING AND KILL HIM AS SOON AS HE FALLS INTO THEIR HANDS.

Special Rule: Certain truly heroic heroic-type heroes (e. g., Hercules, Conan, etc.) may have their combat strength tripled rather than doubled. If captured they escape on a roll of 1-4 (heroic heroic-type heroes being somewhat lacking in brains) but their guards are not disrupted - only eliminated.

Note: All other game rules apply to 'Heroic Command Units' as they do to all other units, except that disrupted results are called 'Slipping-on-a-Pool-of-Blood-and-Not-Being-Captured' Results.

(When using the 'Heroic Command Unit' Rules with the 'Rape' Rules, note the following:

1. Ordinary Hero: Treat them as ordinary elite troops (i. e., as Professional Pikemen, etc.).

2. Heroic Heroic-Type Hero: Must halt, but may resume moving on the next succeeding turn.

3. Hellenic-Type Hero: No effect. Hercules and Theseus would probably have raped 'em en route and the normal type Greek hero had no such

inclinations. But an ordinary type Greek hero travelling alone is treated as an Ordinary Hero (#1 above) as he might be interested in the men of the Village.)

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